III PRIVILEGE MOTION RE-SUB-EDITORIAL IN THE INDIAN EXPRESS, DATED 14TH MARCH 1969, UNDER THE CAPTION " UPPER CHAMBERS ".

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have to inform the House that Thiru S. Raghavanandam has in his letter, dated the 14th March 1969 sought permission to raise a matter of privilege in regard to a sub-editorial that appeared in the issue of " The Indian Express ", dated the 13th March 1969 entitled "Upper Chambers". He has sonteded that certain passages in the sub-editorial would be a breach of privilege of this House. I have contacted the Editor-in-Chief of the "Indian Express". He has stated that it was never intended to show disrespect to the House or to the hon. Members and he has expressed his regrets and apology if it has caused offence to anyone. In view of this, I withhold my consent to the raising of the matter.

IV CALLING ATTENTION TO TERMINATION OF SERVICES OF SIXTY-FOUR NON-S.S.L.C. SECOND GRADE HINDI PANDITS.

THIRU G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : I wish to call the attention of the Hon. the Minister for Education and Industries to a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the termination of the services of sixty four fully qualified non-S.S.L.C. Second Grade Hindi Pandits by the special District Educational Office, Thanjavur, and the consequent hardship caused to such pandits.

THE HON. THIRU S. MADHAVAN : Consequent on the introduction of the two language formula in schools, the Government have passed orders in G.O. No. 477, Education, dated 6th April 1968 in regard to the absorption of Hindi Pandits. According to these orders, all Hindi Pandits will be allowed to continue in service in suitable posts with reference to their qualifications except the following categories of Pandits, viz.--

(*a*) Unqualified Pandits (not qualified for Hindi teaching) and

(*b*) Part-time Hindi teachers.

The Member has drawn attention to the termination of the services by the Special District Educational Officer, Thanjavur, of sixty-four fully qualified non-S.S.L.C. Second Grade Hindi Pandits entitled to protection as per paragraph 12 of the G.O. referred to above. The Director of School Education has reported that in pursuance of the orders of Government referred to above, two months' notice was given to 45 Hindi Pandits, and not to 64 as stated in the Call Attention Notice, employed in the Government (Board) Secondary Schools in Thanjavur and that their services were terminated at the expiry of the two months' period.

Under the existing orders, the minimum qualification for a Pandit,, whether Grade I or Grade II, is Oriental Title in Hindi or Pracharak Diploma of Hindustani Prachar Sabha or equivalent

thereto. From a report received by the Director from the Chief Educational Officer, Thanjavur, it is seen that out of the 45 Hindi teachers, only 5 teachers had the necessary qualification in Hindi, viz., Pracharak Diploma. The five teachers did not have the educational qualification of E.S.L.C. with English or Higher qualification. Under the impression that a qualified Hindi Pandit should have at least E.S.L.C. with English qualification, all the five teachers were given termination notice. Out of the five, one was re-instead as the High Court on a writ petition had stayed the orders of termination. The Director of School Education has since issued orders to the Chief Educational Officer, Thanjavur to reinstate the remaining four candidates as per instruction in paragraph 12 of G.O. No. 477, Education, dated 1st April 1968.

The other 40 candidates did not have the professional qualification in Hindi, viz., Pracharak Diploma or Oriental Title, whatever might be their general educational qualification. Hence their services were terminated on the expiry of the two months' notice period.

V. PRESENTATION OF THE FINAL SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1968-69.

THE HON. THIRU K. A. MATHIALAGAN : Mr. Chairman,

Sir, I rise to present the Final Supplementary Estimates for the year 1968-69. A detailed statement explaining demands for grants is placed on the table of the House. The Supplementary Estimate is in all for a sum of Rs. 66 crores of which, however, only a sum of about Rs. 11 crores is on revenue account.

2. The House will notice that substantial portion of the appropriation now sought relates to the repayment of public debt for which a provision of about Rs. 46 crores has been made. I would like to draw the attention of the Hon'ble Members to the fact that even though the provision may, at first sight, appear to be large, it does not involve any real impact on the resources of the State. The appropriation has been necessitated by an accounting procedure introduced in the year 1966-67 whereby every time there is a reduction in the overdraft of the State Government with the Reserve Bank of India with reference to that on the previous day, the reduction is regarded as a payment from the Consolidated Fund of Tamil Nadu to the Reserve Bank of India. Accordingly, every such payment has to be covered by appropriation. If, for instance, we avail of an overdraft of Rs. 1 crore on a particular day and repay this overdraft on the next, the revised accounting procedure requires that an appropriation of Rs. 1 crore be sought for this repayment. If we again resort to an overdraft of Rs. 1 crore the next day and clear it the day after, we have to obtain yet another appropriation of Rs. 1 crore. If, therefore, the overdraft availed of by the State